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Mr. Chairman:

Unfortunately, I am one of the subscribers to network television via a 9 foot satellite dish. I have been for the past four years and have been relatively satisfied with the reception and service from my system. I also am one of the unfortunate individuals residing in the flight path on the north side to DFW Airport. Can you imagine what the feeling would be if you were watching the Sunday afternoon football game, Stars hockey game or Monday night football and the weather was the least bit below perfect and you could not possibly watch the television due to the number of flights and the interference that was caused by them? I may be within fifty miles of the broadcasting station towers, but until they do something to create no interference from the numerous microwave towers, radio towers and flight path from DFW Airport, I consider the removal of network television broadcast from my ability to purchase from my programming provider a "taking of property".

I see no benefit to the local television stations to have my viewing habits based on their insensitivity and lack of interest in the broadcast quality of their own signal. Complaints to the stations and DFW Airport have done nothing to improve the broadcast quality of the signals. The only way I have been able to receive consistent decent signals to watch the Dallas sports teams and network television programming is through my satellite programming provider. If you remove the ability to purchase the signals from them, I will truly be without the access to network programming as I refuse to watch a program where I do not know if I will be able to see the entire program much less the ending!

I would implore you to implement a fair eligibility system promoting full access to network programming. When I cannot receive a quality picture from my local network stations, I should be eligible for satellite delivered through my satellite programming provider. Cable television systems are not the answer to fix the problem. Cable television has just become available in the last few months in our area and the fees that are charged because we are on the fringe area of their system are much more than our current system that has been in place and running for over three years. I take exception to anyone forcing me to rely on the local cable system when they were not interested in just a few households in our area until the past few months and the quality of their transmission varies with the weather, much the same as television reception from an outside antenna. Not much of a choice!

So, the solution should be the television stations determining who is and who is not eligible for the satellite programming? I think not. Let's

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just let the fox guard the henhouse and we will check up on the situation one day in the future! Not with my tax dollars. This is grossly unfair and will leave too many people without decent reception, notice I did not say quality reception. Decent reception is somewhat less than quality reception and with the network affiliates choosing who does and who does not get satellite access to network television, my home will be one of the homes cutoff from satellite access.

As you can tell, I am very unhappy that someone is taking it upon themselves to spend my tax dollars to decide that I can get a quality signal for local television when they have never set foot in my home to observe just exactly what kind of signal I do receive and there is nothing wrong with the system the way it is. If someone is unhappy with the signal they receive, they buy a satellite system and it cures the problem. Cable has not been available until the past few months and they are so proud of their system it is terribly expensive. I choose to not buy a piece of the cable system as I am satisfied with my satellite programming.

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As far as a taking of property, if this were to occur in your home, you would at least want your reception to be evaluated by a neutral third party before a decision was to be made. Nothing extravagant or unreasonable in that request. I would also remind the Chair that it is expensive to litigate in a local forum as the taking of a property, and it is my opinion to remove my access to satellite programming where I have had it before and it is still available, would constitute a taking of property and certainly would open the FCC and local television stations to litigation in the local court systems all over the country. Personally, when my reception is cutoff, I would welcome the opportunity to express my sentiments to a local judge in a district court with the FCC and local stations out of the county to remove my access to satellite programming with network signals. I would think the sentiments that run locally would far outweigh a desire for the FCC and "local" television stations that do not carry any news or programming for our county.

Thank you for your time to review my thoughts and comments.

Respectfully,

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